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WHAT LIES BEHIND THE POLL TAX

by CHARLOTTE HORSFIELD

DESPITE much vigorous protest by worried constituents, Parliament gave its legal backing to the Single European Act. Everything, including the shouting, should now be over. The arrogance of the Community institutions is now absolute. The Commission controls the laws of twelve sovereign nations. Our legislation was treated as a formality to endorse the programme and timetable published in June 1985 to harmonize all laws throughout the Commission's empire by 1992. This programme was adopted by the European Council in September 1985 and Mrs Lynda Chalker put her name to it on our behalf in February 1986.

Although treated as a formality it is a requirement of the Rome Treaty that "such amendments shall come into force after being ratified by all Member States in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements." So the deed had to be done by the Act of Parliament, by way of an incomprehensible Bill.

Stealth And Cunning

The actors in this drama knew their parts. In the House of Lords they did not televise proceedings when the Single European Act was being discussed. The gentlemen of the Press, who have been trained to believe that the public is not interested in EEC matters, discreetly left the Press Gallery when the European Communities (Amendment) Bill was debated, following the lead of the MPs who did not want to waste their time on such formalities. A few faithful parliamentarians made a fuss, so the Government applied the guillotine and that was that. At the Third Reading of the Bill on 10th July, 1986, only 43 MPs voted against it and the Commons was able to adjourn for its Summer Recess in good time, leaving the Lords to work on into the Recess under cover of a parliamentary news shadow area. The Third Reading of the Bill in the House of Lords passed off without incident on 3rd November, 1986.

At that time only Denmark had already completed her formalities. It was, in fact, from a Danish MEP that we first learnt of Lord Cockfield's 300 proposals. Britain's own appointee is the Commissioner for the Internal Market, and it was Mrs Else Hammerich who introduced us to his White Paper, in which he set out the timetable for the completion of this great frontierless market-place serving a population of 320 million.

According to the Single European Act the nation state is due to expire on 31st December, 1992, so that European Union can be born on 1st January, 1993, although the Final Act does allow our legislature to play its part by publicly adopting the Commission's 300 proposals. The Parliamentary Whips will be very busy people during the next four years!

Lord Cockfield, in his 1985 White Paper, talked of dealing with problems "on the basis that the frontiers will have been abolished." This in itself creates problems. How does a government govern a nation without frontiers? A Select Committee of the House of Lords had already puzzled over this in 1983. A nation without frontiers poses problems of security. If a population of 320 million has a free run throughout the Union, how do the authorities apprehend the terrorist, the drug pusher, the illegal immigrant or other miscreant if there are no checks at ports and airports?

Towards The Identity Card

The Commission's answer was to strengthen what they called the external frontiers and issue every inhabitant with an identity card, whilst giving the police the power to stop and detain anyone who fails to establish his identity to their satisfaction. Linking the police forces of the Union together by sophisticated machinery would follow so that information known to one police force can be instantly transmitted to another. French attempts to introduce machine-readable identity cards found an impediment being raised by the French Privacy Commission; they should be introduced only if the information on the card could be read by the holder, they said.

So we had in 1983 Lord Templeman saying: "I cannot see that any political party of any complexion could possibly go to the electorate any time between 1980 and 2020 either in its manifesto or during its term of office and say, 'We must have an identity card'." In June 1984 elections to the European Assembly took place without a murmur even about identity cards. In June 1987 candidates standing for election to our Parliament at Westminster were equally reticent. Rates reform was promoted as a good thing and got a mention in the Conservative Party's manifesto; the politicians took Lord Templeman's advice and refrained from saying:

"By virtue of our membership of the Community we are bound to set up the machinery for issuing each adult with an identity card because our frontiers are being abolished by our Commissioner, Lord Cockfield, and we will not be able to exclude people we do not want to come here but will instead have to catch them as and where we can. To this end it will become an offence not to register your name and address with a registration officer in your region and notify him when you move. He will issue you with an identity card so that should the police stop you as you go about your business, you will have proof of your identity and your right of residence. We have been charged to do this by the Community, so we are calling it 'The Community Charge'."

Deception

Having deceived us about the true purpose of the Community Charge, the Government has to continue with the deception. Little by little we are being conditioned to accept the grosser infringements of our liberties. Any event that can be harnessed to their purposes is being used. Take, for example, the case of football fans going badly wild. The Government responds by suggesting that Clubs issue all fans with identity cards. Under the pretext of clamping down on drunken drivers, spot checks on motorists have recently been carried out by the police, possibly in an attempt to gauge public reaction to the principle of spot checks, for it will be the police who will bear the brunt of

public hostility to a system of internal controls.

We find the Government introducing two reforms whilst pretending to introduce one. The reform of the rates is being given wide publicity but the second reform, the new administration of internal security, is being given none. Our liberties are being taken from us and we are not being told.

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STOP PRESS! "THE Government plans to issue students with poll tax 'identity cards' to make sure they do not escape paying the new community charge, it was claimed yesterday. Mr Jack Cunningham, Shadow environment secretary, claimed that students would be only the first of many groups of people to be given tax 'identity cards'. He described the move as a threat to civil liberties and dangerous and stupid. The claim followed a letter to Mr Cunningham from Mr Howard, Local Government Minister, setting out proposals for registering students for the poll tax in Government amendments to be tabled to the Local Government Finance Bill" (**Daily Telegraph**, 1st April).

COMMON MARKET MADNESS

THE PASSPORT TO TERRORISM - "THE newly-designed British passport has been condemned as a security disaster by immigration officers. The plum-coloured Euro passport which will replace the traditional blue and gold book from July is, according to experts, child's play to forge. One officer described it as 'a passport to terrorism' and the Immigration Service Intelligence Section has sent a confidential report to the Home Secretary recommending urgent design changes....The new passports will have the words European Community at the top of the cover, with United Kingdom underneath" (**The Mail On Sunday**, 17/1/88).

EEC SECURES RIGHT TO SET BRITISH TAXES - "BRITAIN'S right to determine its own taxation policy was overturned by the European Court of Justice yesterday. In a ruling of profound significance for the nation's autonomy in the field of indirect taxation, the court in Luxembourg insisted that value-added tax be imposed on a number of items currently free of it...such as children's clothing, food and fuel....Mr Peter Lilley, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said in a Commons written reply last night: 'The UK has a treaty obligation to implement rulings by the European Court.' Mr Teddy Taylor, Conservative MP for Southend East said: 'It is the first time since the Ship Tax in the 17th century that a body outside Parliament has told Parliament what taxes it could levy" (**The Times**, 24/2/88).

NUMBER UP FOR EURO CAR PLATE - "BRITISH police chiefs are fighting an EEC scheme to introduce mini-sized Euro car number-plates which are hard to read. The plan is to harmonise the design of all number-plates in the EEC countries. Each plate will bear a 'flag' with 12 stars for the 12 member countries. There will be an E for Europe on the left side with a GB for Britain on the right. The plates will have to be smaller to make room for the extra information" (**The Standard**, 7/3/88)

AND remember Lord Cockfield has another 297 'Proposals' for Euro-union that the Government has a 'treaty obligation' to slap on us! - Editor.

A LOOK AT ABORTION'S 'ADVANCES'

by PATRICK BUCHANAN

IF memory serves, the abortion issue moved centre stage in America's consciousness three decades ago. An Arizona woman, who had taken thalidomide, suspected the child she was carrying would be born deformed. Would it be wrong to have an abortion? The country was divided; and the woman terminated the debate, and her pregnancy, by flying to Sweden for the abortion, then illegal throughout the United States. What a distance we have travelled since that innocent age. Abortion has become the most common surgical procedure in America; 1.5 million are performed yearly, and 99 per cent are done for social or economic reasons. Since 1973, more than 16 million of the unborn - roughly Australia's population - have been destroyed.

Now, America is advancing on a new frontier. Medical laboratories have discovered that the tissues of these unwanted babies, especially their brain cells, have wonderful medical properties. Lo and behold, these tiny infants may be wanted after all - for their organs! Foetal brain transplants, to cure Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease and other neural disorders, can become "to medicine what superconductivity is to physics," exults Dr Abraham Lieberman of the NYU Medical Centre. So long as abortion remains legal, runs the argument, why not use the foetal organs gained thereby for social benefit? Yet, the argument is not far removed from that made by the German doctors of the early Reich, who said that since euthanasia was state policy, why waste the vital organs of its victims?

A New Industry?

Doctors enthusiastic about capturing the foetal tissues of aborted infants find Holocaust analogies offensive and outrageous. But it all comes down to the same fundamental question, does it not? Is human life sacred, or is it not? If the foetus has no more inherent value than a removed appendix or a pair of tonsils, why not use foetil tissues for everything from organ transplants to improving the quality of facial creams? Sweden already uses most of its discarded foetuses for medical research; why not create a new industry of raising and farming foetuses for their organs? "Growing foetuses for spare parts, I think, can be done," says Dr Antonin Scommengna of Chicago's Michael Reese Hospital. "It's not a technical question; it's a moral question." Yes, and we all know how moral questions get decided these days, don't we?

As the best (i.e. the most useful) brain tissues are best taken, doctors contend, later in the pregnancy, when the foetus is more mature, how best to capture them - for transplantation? The obvious answer is to encourage the woman to postpone the abortion until her baby is more fully formed, then remove the foetus whole, rather than cut it up or kill it in the wombv, so the organs can be carefully removed while still active, intact and useful.

To save something as delicate and fragile as brain cells, quite obviously, is going to require a high degree of co-ordination between the pregnant woman, her abortionist, and the medical researcher. Dr John Wilkie, national leader of the Right to Life, describes how, thanks to Prostaglandin, unborn babies are being literally "driven"

out of the womb. "It induces hard driving labour and delivers the baby at whatever stage of pregnancy it is given. The baby is usually killed by this process but is sometimes born alive. Such 'specimens' have been reported to have been immediately iced and their body temperatures cooled to preserve the tissues. The dead (or not quite dead) baby has been hurried to the surgeon, who then removes the organs and transplants them into the adult recipients."

If, as ruled from the high bench in 1973, the unborn child is the property of the mother, to be dispensed with, and disposed of, as she wishes, upon what ground do we stand to tell women they cannot conceive for pay, and abort for profit? What argument is left against the "farming" of foetuses? As biotechnology expert Emmanuel Thorne concludes, "Potential uses of foetal tissue make the temptation to conceive with the intent to abort almost inevitable." The day of the abortionist-entrepreneur may be at hand: yuppie doctors who not only get rich doing abortions, but do a lucrative side business, taking orders for the organs of the unborn children they have destroyed. What was it Shakespeare wrote? "O brave new world, That has such people in it."

SLINGS AND ARROWS

BLASPHEMY should no longer be an offence in English law, the Archbishop of Canterbury has told the Lord Chancellor. Instead of the crime of blasphemy, which is specific to the Christian religion, he has recommended that there should be a new offence of "insulting or outraging the religious feelings" of any group. Would Dr Runcie have devil worshippers, Muslims and Hindus be given the same legal protection as Christians? If so, he has fallen into a humanist trap by assuming that the purpose of the law is merely to ensure that any 'religious' people are spared emotional distress. Though the blasphemy law is seldom invoked, its presence still occasionally has a salutary effect, as Mrs Whitehouse proved against the queer promoters of **Gay News** in 1976.

KURT Waldheim may not be the most admirable character alive (he was UN Secretary-General for several years), but if he is to be judged a war criminal, may we ask whether every British lieutenant who had the misfortune of being assigned to a unit that turned the victims of Yalta over to their Soviet murderers is also a war criminal? After all, it would have been less risky in the British Army to refuse to carry out an inhuman and cruel act than in the German forces.

THE nearly-dead Inner London Education Authority is to investigate the enormous Many Mudd, Left-wing activist, champion of anti-sexism and Islington teacher. This follows revelations that she was a kissogram girl , baring her enormous 62-inch chest for an alleged £300 a day. Now she is facing charges from her political opponents that her stance on sexism is hypocritical. We suppose she could argue there was nothing at all sexy about her topless behaviour, and probably very few would argue with that.

AMERICAN tourists being whisked around Soweto in an air-conditioned luxury coach had an unexpected thrill last month. As they stopped outside the home of Nobel Peace Prize winner, Archbishop Tutu, a diminutive woman emerged from the house and began hurling great clods of earth at their bus. The awesome attacker? Mrs Leah Tutu.

WHY 'RIGHTEOUS JEWS' SHOULD SPEAK UP

"THE fact that Israel has no case becomes ever more apparent when one reads letters like that of Lionel Bloch (January 8) which, instead of dealing with the current tragic situation in the occupied territories, attempts to draw comparisons with other areas which have no bearing on the subject of Palestine. Also, it is the height of cynicism to point an accusing finger at the Arabs for conditions in Gaza which has been under Israeli military rule for 20 years.

"In recent television news bulletins and radio reports, Israel's actions have been defended by the country's ambassador to the United Nations who was born in the United States; the Irish-born Israeli president; the chairman of the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee who was born in South Africa; the officer commanding troops in Gaza, an American by birth; and the country's ambassador to Britain who hails from Manchester....

Defies Humanity And Justice

"A country ruled by a former terrorist leader, whose troops murder 10-year-old children, and which practises state terrorism on a huge scale, refuses to negotiate with the PLO because it is a 'terrorist' organisation, and blames its own intransigence on the Arabs. Now, **The Guardian** reports that Israel's prime minister has said 'there would never be a Palestinian state'. Such views defy all the rules of humanity and justice. Surely the indigenous inhabitants of Palestine are at the very least as entitled to self-determination as the Jews.

"In Israel the title of 'Righteous Gentile' has been bestowed on non-Jews who assisted the Jewish fight against Nazism. Now, I think, the solution lies with the Jews themselves, both inside and outside Israel. Many are desperately unhappy at the present situation, I know, and they should no longer remain silent when Israel discriminates against non-Jews, just as the Nazis discriminated against Jews.

"No Jew has ever been shot dead during a demonstration or had his house blown up for 'security offences'; not even those whose bomb blew off the legs of my friend, Bassam Shak'a, the former mayor of Nablus; and yet I know a Palestinian family whose house was demolished because a nephew, a visitor from abroad, was suspected of meeting a PLO member abroad. The time has come for 'Righteous Jews' to speak out against tyranny and oppression for which there can be no justification. Israel will not listen to the British Government, the UN or the EEC; but it may just heed the voices of the Jews themselves. Let us hope they find their tongues before it is too late."

MARION WOOLFSON.

THIS valiant letter, published in **The Guardian** on January 11th., was echoed by Paul Ableman in **The Independent** on March 2nd. Addressing himself to the silence of all but a handful of British Jews on the vile things taking place in the occupied territories; Mr Ableman contrasted this silence with the indignant clamour that rises from the Jewish community at the slightest manifestation of anti-Semitism - a point to which every editor of a British newspaper would testify! "We can never again demand humane treatment for Jews," he observed, "if we fail to demand with equal vigour that Jews accord it to Palestinians".

WAR AND GEESE

YOU shall not wait for us conscripted
We come in answer to your call
And sacrifice at once accepted
Together we will stand or fall.

So from the homesteads and the cities
By "fairest Cape in all the world"
The Springboks came at one with British
The flag of union straight unfurled.

They fought and died in tank and trenches,
At Deville Wood and in the sky,
On dreadnought and invasion beaches
South Africans showed valour high.

Thank God for allies quite so steadfast
Each instant when the dogs of war
Are baying and defeat is forecast -
Britain enslaved for evermore.

Alas, now lesser breed arises
In Britain, teaching to forget;
For presently - their craft disguises -
"There's gold out there, we'll get it yet!"

B.E. BIGGS

SEVERAL British MPs have urged the Foreign Secretary to ask South Africa to remove the Union Jack from its flag, reported the **Cape Times** on February 29th. It was only to be expected that Labour and SDP MPs would express such a wish, being sickening masochists who notoriously prefer every race to their own. But what are we to make of this from Tory MP Robert Adley? "The use of the Union Jack in this flag represents an insult to those of our citizens who have given their lives for the right to one man-one vote in a free society." Does it, indeed?

The following very moving words of reaction were received from our dear South African friend, Moyna Traill-Smith, on what the Union Jack represents to her: "The white stands for the purity of his young soul; the blue for the azure of the six thousand miles of sea he crossed to fight for (his words) 'a great cause'; the red for his blood poured out on the desert sands of Libya and for the poppies laid on the Cenotaph, but not for him. Red, white and blue - the RAF rondels on the bomber he piloted over Germany and the desert until it became his coffin in an unmarked grave. He was a South African. He was my brother." Let it be known that the malodorous wretch Adley speaks only for himself.

THE PATRIOT was the patriotic magazine founded by the Duke of Northumberland in 1922. Its weekly issues contained a wealth of essential reading on the occult forces affecting politics, history and religion. We have a stock of back numbers available to U.K. subscribers for 50p. each. Please makes cheques payable to "Candour Research Department".

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE BEING BURIED ALIVE?

A RECENT opinion page article in the **International Herald Tribune**, by Edgar M. Bronfman, concerned the joint "lie" of Kurt Waldheim and Austria. It was entitled "Waldheim: His Lie Is Only A Symbol Of Austria." Two pages later, in that same issue of February 16th., we read this: "Israeli General Confirms Account Of 4 Arabs Who Were Buried Alive." Was someone trying to tell Mr Bronfman something? Let us sincerely hope so, since his sense of morality seems to be confused or at least highly selective. If, as he alleges, President Waldheim is "amoral," "a liar" and "an unrepentant man," we wonder what adjectives he would use to describe those who bury unarmed youths alive?

NOT PEACE BUT A SWORD

A DISGRUNTLED subscriber from Bournemouth, one John Peace, has circulated a scurrilous duplicated letter in which he claims not to have received issues of **Candour** since last June. We have no way of knowing if his mail is being interfered with or whether he has some ulterior motive in libelling our Editor as having "deliberately defrauded" him. Our conscience is clear that his numbers of **Candour** were posted to him each month. One replacement issue was sent by Recorded Delivery and that did arrive. Mr Peace will not accept that our modest subscription rate does not allow for that service every month! We await with bated breath his threat to take action against **Candour** "which will surprise and certainly do the publication no good".

DEDICATION

"GIVE me leave always to live and die in this mind, that he is not worthy to live at all that for fear of danger or death shunneth his country's service and his own honour, seeing death is inevitable and the fame of virtue immortal."

Sir Humphrey Gilbert.

OBITUARIES - We are sorry to learn of the deaths of two subscribers, James Magee and Patrick Wall. May their souls rest in peace.

"THE TRAGEDY OF ANTI-SEMITISM" - Anyone prepared to sell a copy of this book, written by A.K. Chesterton in conjunction with Joseph Leftwich, is asked to contact us.

RECOMMENDED READING - Ivor Benson's latest booklet, **This Age Of Conflict**, is a trenchant explanatory synopsis of the unfolding history of modern times. Available for £2.50, including postage, from Heron Books, P.O. Box 29, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 6EF. Please make cheques payable to "C.H. Hicks A/c no. 2".

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B R I T I S H A C T I O N

It is impossible for Britons who have knowledge of how their country's affairs are being mishandled to feel anything but disquiet at the present state of the nation, or anything but alarm at the thought of Great Britain's future should the present trend be continued.

There is no doubt that Britons are no longer masters in their own land. This state of affairs has not happened by accident. It is the accumulation of years of folly and disaster for which the Tory, Socialist and Liberal/S.D.P. politicians are all responsible.

To oppose this policy of surrender abroad and deception at home, a new campaign - 'British Action' - has been launched. Its objectives are as follows:

To support and encourage:

Patriotism
One Nation
National Independence
Law and Order
Christian Morality

To oppose:

Marxism
International Finance
Liberalism
E.E.C. Membership
Multi-Racialism

British Action does not propose to recruit members, but rather to form an alliance of those who share its aims and are prepared to work for their achievement.

All who agree with the objectives of British Action, whether they belong to a political party or not, are invited to support the campaign by joining local Action Groups of Free Britons, who will distribute circulars, organise meetings, etc.

Although Groups will be totally independent, it is hoped that they will be able to work together, when appropriate, as a united national pressure group to further the aims of our Campaign.

If you want to reverse Britain's decline, here is your chance! Write to: The Secretary, British Action, c/o Forest House, Liss Forest, Hants GU33 7DD, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

We should also like to hear of anyone you know who may be interested in taking part in British Action.